

D. General/Miscellaneous



G-1

SIGN:

Warning Absolutely No Motorized Vehicles, Keep Dogs on Leash

COMMENT:

Standardized safety signage on interpretive bulletin boards can increase viewer recognition.

RECOMMENDATION:

Add company contact information to standardized signs. Keep print small enough so logo does not interfere with sign readability.



G-2

SIGN:

State Park Boundary..., No Camping, No Swimming, No Fires

COMMENT:

Combination of symbol and text messages may allow legal enforcement of prohibition, unlike symbol only signage.

RECOMMENDATION:

Make sure attachment method is not harmful to trees.



G-3

SIGN:

No Camping

COMMENT:

Common no camping signage.

RECOMMENDATION:

None.



G-4

SIGN:

Instructions Recreation
Area Use by
Reservation Only Call:

COMMENT:

Placement at entrance
of recreation area
recommended. Use of
trigger word adds to
effectiveness.

RECOMMENDATION:

Blue "NOTICE" style
trigger word headline
also effective.



G-5

SIGN:

No Overnight Parking
or Camping

COMMENT:

Standardized no
parking style signage.

RECOMMENDATION:

None.



G-6

SIGN:

Danger Hazardous Water
Conditions Keep Out
"Peligro Condiciones De
Agua Peligrosa
Mantenganse Afuera",
Notice Trespassing Loitering
Forbidden by Law

COMMENT:

Good use of side by side bi-
lingual signage. Use of
same design in both
languages increases effec-
tiveness and readability by
non-English speakers in
areas without bi-lingual
signs.

RECOMMENDATION:

Assess the need for signage
to be in two languages and
replace single language
signs as necessary.



SIGN:

Trail Closed

COMMENT:

Increased effectiveness when coupled with fencing.

RECOMMENDATION:

If trail will reopen, give season or time period of available access or phone number to call for information.

G-7



SIGN:

Danger No Diving No Swimming

COMMENT:

Good placement near dock. Alerts reader to potential hazard.

RECOMMENDATION:

Use of Forest Service or USACE standardized swimmer symbol would increase effectiveness.

G-8



SIGN:

Warning Quarry May Be
Hazardous No Climbing
Fishing or Boating Use
Extreme Caution

COMMENT:

Specialized warning signage
may be necessary for project
specific safety concerns.

RECOMMENDATION:

Text is fine for initial layout, but
final sign should have
proportional borders.

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SIGN:

Warning Vertical Drop Slippery
Footing Stay on Road Use
Extreme Caution

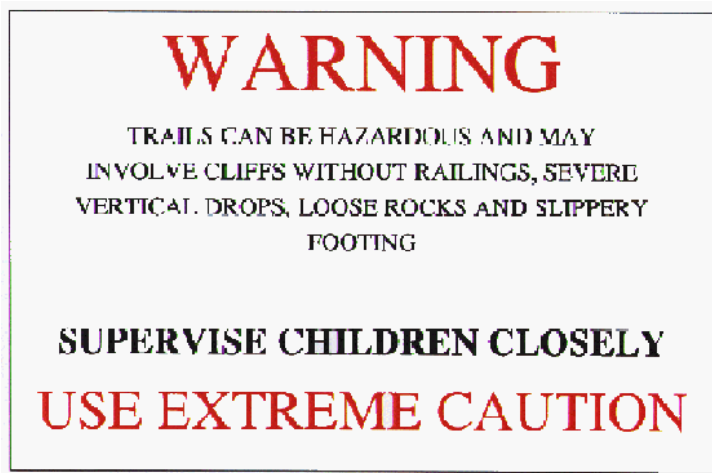
COMMENT:

Safety signage may be
required on trails or roads, and
not just those areas directly on
the water.

RECOMMENDATION:

Text is fine for initial layout, but
final sign should have
proportional borders.

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SIGN:

Warning Trails Can Be Hazardous and May Involve Cliffs Without Railings Severe Vertical Drops Loose Rocks and Slippery Footing Supervise Children Closely Use Extreme Caution

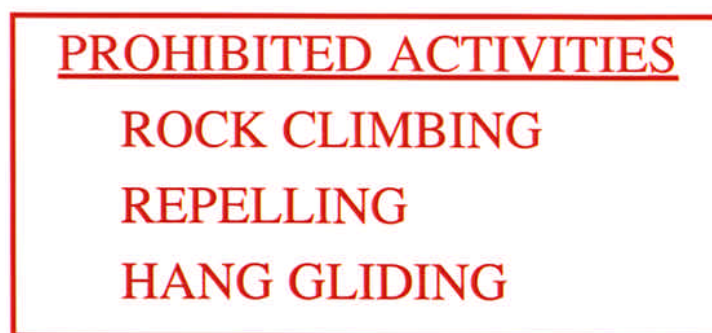
COMMENT:

Specialized trail and access markings have added effectiveness. Specific mention of children acts as an extra warning.

RECOMMENDATION:

Text is fine for initial layout, but final sign should have proportional borders.

G-11



SIGN:

Prohibited Activities Rock Climbing Rapelling and Hang Gliding

COMMENT:

Highly specialized signage can target site-specific activities and issues identified in a site safety review. Placement at past problem sites, access points and boundaries can increase effectiveness.

RECOMMENDATION:

Text is fine for initial layout, but final sign should have spelling checked and proportional borders.

G-12

**FIREARM POSSESSION PROHIBITED
EXCEPT DURING POSTED HUNTING
SEASONS IN DESIGNATED AREAS**

SIGN:

Firearm Possession
Prohibited Except During
Posted Hunting Seasons
in Designated Areas

COMMENT:

Specialized prohibitions
target specific audiences
and may increase enfor-
ceability. If possible,
include contact
information for agency
which oversees local
hunting seasons.

RECOMMENDATION:

Text is fine for initial
layout, but final sign
should have
proportional borders.

G-13



SIGN:

For Your Safety and For
the Safety of Others
Please Stay on the Voit
Point Trail at All Times
and Refrain from
Throwing Rocks or Other
Objects into the Canyon
Violators will Be
Prosecuted

COMMENT:

Site-specific trail signage
can increase effective-
ness. Sign may have
more text than necessary
for the specific site.

RECOMMENDATION:

Assess need to change
portion of text to "Do Not
Throw Rocks..."

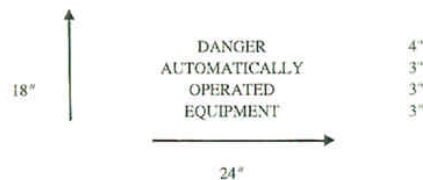
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Location: Feature No. is located on the chain link fencing on the right abutment.

Feature Description: Feature No. is a warning sign, twenty-four (24) inches wide by eighteen (18) inches high and made of aluminum. The sign is attached to the chain link fencing and is elevated approximately five (5) feet above the ground. The signage is composed of red and black lettering over a white background.



Notes:



G-15

SIGN:

Danger Automatically Operated Equipment

COMMENT:

Good placement and trigger word use. Example of safety plan sign design/placement sheet. Sheets list the feature #, # of signs, year installed, location, and design details. Notes indicate sign and font sizing.

RECOMMENDATION:

None.



SIGN:

Warning Lake Bottom Drops Off Steeply Deep Water

COMMENT:

Three features increase swimmer safety. Buoys and docks exclude boats from swimming area, and signage informs users of potential danger.

RECOMMENDATION:

None.

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SIGN:

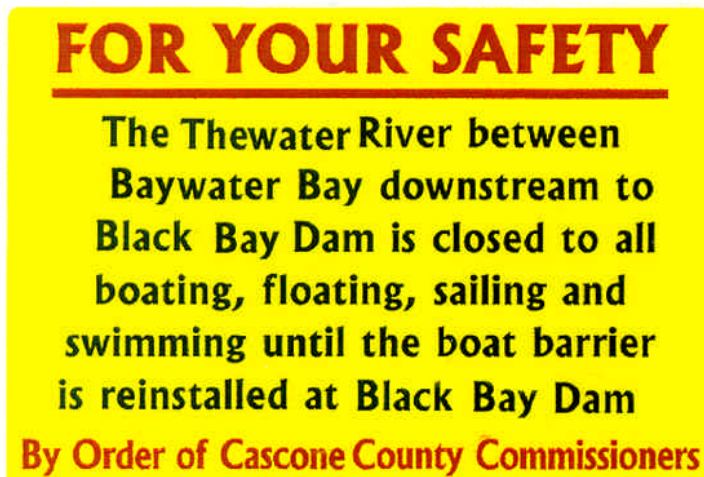
River Access Trail

COMMENT:

Redirecting observer to a safer area can decrease trespassing and control access.

RECOMMENDATION:

None.



G-18

SIGN:

For Your Safety The Thewater River Between Baywater Bay Downstream to Black Bay Dam is Closed to All Boating, Floating, Sailing and Swimming Until the Boat Barrier is Reinstalled at Black Bay Dam By Order of Cascone County Commissioners.

COMMENT:

Identifying banned activities, the period of the ban and the area can increase effectiveness.

RECOMMENDATION:

None.



G-19

SIGN:

Dangerous Area...
Stay Away

COMMENT:

Good use of multiple symbols to denote existing dangers. Due to length of message, sign should also be placed at parking area or at walk-in access point to maximize viewer exposure.

RECOMMENDATION:

None.



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SIGN:

Anglers Danger
Overhead Powerlines

COMMENT:

Minimal text to clearly convey danger and group affected.

RECOMMENDATION:

None.

BEACH RULES

1. NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY!
2. CHILDREN UNDER 14 YEARS OF AGE MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.
3. GLASS CONTAINERS NOT ALLOWED ON THE BEACH.
4. PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN BEACH AREA.
5. NO DANGEROUS HORSEPLAY.
6. NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.
7. PEOPLE USING LOUD OR ABUSIVE LANGUAGE WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE BEACH AND/OR PARK.
8. ASK FOR HELP ONLY IF IN TROUBLE
9. SWIM ONLY IN DESIGNATED BEACH AREA DEFINED BY SAFETY ROPE.
10. PLACE ALL LITTER IN TRASH CANS.
11. BATHING SUITS REQUIRED.
12. FOR EMERGENCY CALL 911.

**DANGER - SHALLOW WATER
NO DIVING - YOU COULD BE
PARALYZED.**

THESE RULES ARE POSTED FOR
YOUR SAFETY, PLEASE OBEY
THEM AND HAVE A SAFE AND
ENJOYABLE VISIT.

SIGN:

Beach Rules..... No
Lifeguard on Duty
Danger Shallow
Water No Diving You
Could Be Paralyzed...

COMMENT:

Long lists of rules should
have most important text
emphasized in red to
increase glance comprehen-
sion. Place in area where
public will be stopped or
beginning the activity
(parking lot, bathrooms,
near trash cans, on beach).

RECOMMENDATION:

Increase font size and use
color to emphasize the
warning portion of sign.

G-21

CAUTION-SPECIAL PURPOSE 24 X 36"
STAIRS BUILT TO MOUNTAIN CONTOUR-
WATCH YOUR STEP-CAUTION

CAUTION

SPECIAL PURPOSE STAIRS
BUILT TO MOUNTAIN CONTOUR
WATCH YOUR STEP

CAUTION

SIGN:

Caution Special
Purpose Stairs Built to
Mountain Contour
Watch Your Step
Caution

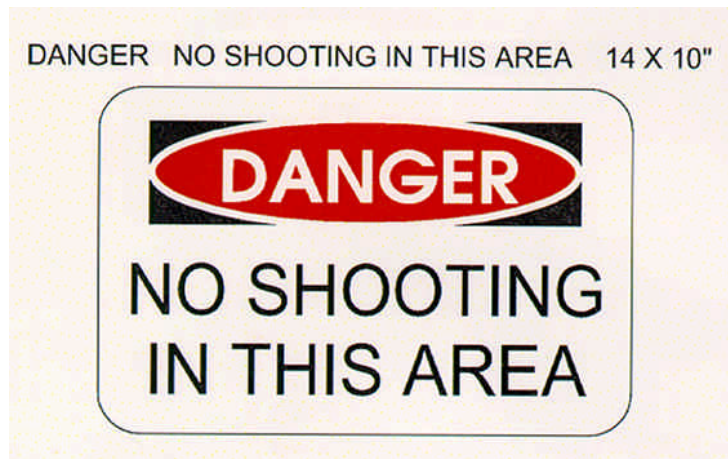
COMMENT:

Specialized trail
signage indicates
unique trail
conditions.

RECOMMENDATION:

None.

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SIGN:

Danger No Shooting In This Area

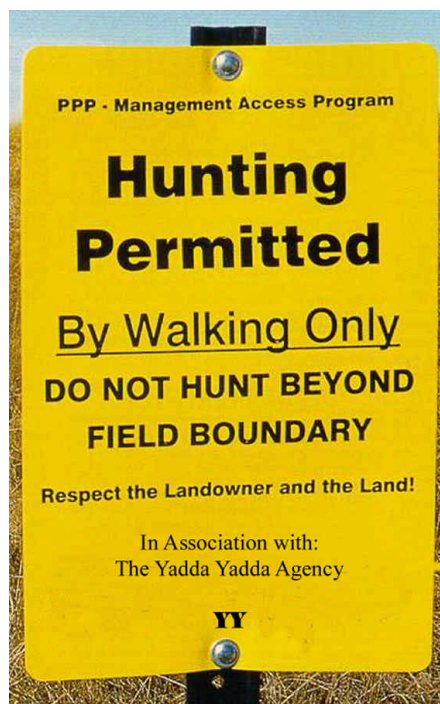
COMMENT:

Use of standardized sign format to increase effectiveness.

RECOMMENDATION:

None.

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G-24

SIGN:

PPP Management Access Program Hunting Permitted By Walking Only Do Not Hunt Beyond Field Boundary Respect the Landowner and the Land In Association with the Agency (Symbol)

COMMENT:

Identifies specific activities allowed and prohibited. Increased effectiveness by listing agencies and partners in the program. Increased effectiveness by use of slogan designed to engender feelings of stewardship and respect by viewer. Inclusion of symbol may increase viewer recognition. Good use of durable visible materials.

RECOMMENDATION:

None.



G-25

SIGN:

Revegetation Project
Please Do Not Disturb

COMMENT:

Identifies activities that are not necessarily obvious to viewer. Uses polite language to encourage compliance.

RECOMMENDATION:

Increased effectiveness if removed from areas where projects are complete and access is again allowed. Viewer may be less apt to disregard signage if it reflects updated information.



G-26

SIGN:

Warning Helicopter May
Land in This Area At Any
Time Keep Clear

COMMENT:

Identifies non-obvious intermittent hazard for both visitors and personnel. Sign contrasting colors to highlight text in durable material.

RECOMMENDATION:

None.



G-27

SIGN:

Park Rules (unisex restroom symbol)

COMMENT:

Increased effectiveness placing signage at high traffic areas, access points, or places where viewer will spend an extended period. Location. Location. Location.

RECOMMENDATION:

Review and remove any unnecessary text to increase readability. Viewer attention span should be considered in design.



G-28

SIGN:

Cedar County Leash Law Strictly Enforced
Dog License Required
Dogs Molesting or Killing Livestock May Be Shot

COMMENT:

Clearly identifies possible risk, actions prohibited, and required action to avoid the risk. Plan sign to inform viewer assuming no prior knowledge of the area, local laws, or other non-obvious information.

RECOMMENDATION:

None.



G-29

SIGN:

Stop Spreading Milfoil Around
Remove All Plants from Boats
and Trailers For More
Information Contact the
Department of Ecology
(555)555-5555.

COMMENT:

Invasive or endangered/
threatened species identifica-
tion may be difficult for typical
viewer. This sign identifies
what to avoid and the action
to take. Realistic graphic
makes it easier to identify the
organism the sign is referring
to. Contact number or
website information can act
as an education tool for the
public. Collaboration with
agency or NGO on design
may increase effectiveness.

RECOMMENDATION:

None.



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SIGN:

Parking Reserved For
Public Recreation Use
Only

COMMENT:

Use of blue color
indicates informational
signage. Emphasis of
positive message and
particular user group
may decrease inappro-
priate use.

RECOMMENDATION:

None.



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SIGN:

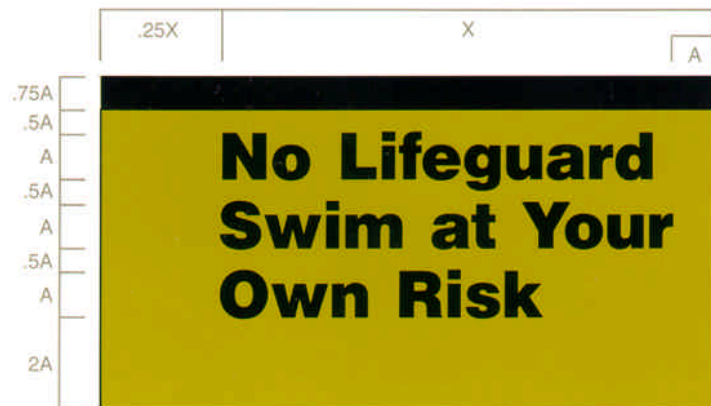
Warning Swift Current
No Lifeguard on Duty
Use At Your Own Risk

COMMENT:

Identifies non-obvious conditions and level of risk involved with activity. Also indicates level of supervision. Proper color, proportioning, capitalization, and font increases effectiveness.

RECOMMENDATION:

Emergency contact information (police/fire/rescue) may provide additional safety measure for viewers.



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SIGN:

No Lifeguard Swim at Your Own Risk

COMMENT:

Indicates level of supervision in order to heighten viewer awareness. Notes on left and top of sign show proportion/scaling design information according to USACE guidelines (see appendix A). Proper color, proportioning, capitalization, and font increases effectiveness.

RECOMMENDATION:

Emergency contact information (police/fire/rescue) may provide additional safety measure for viewers.



SIGN:

Restricted No Boats in Swimming Area

COMMENT:

Reduces use overlap between incompatible recreation types. May also be used with water skiing, PWC, or other activity that could pose a risk to swimmers. Notes on left and top of sign show proportion/scaling design information according to USACE guidelines (see appendix A).

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RECOMMENDATION:

None.



SIGN:

Danger Shallow Water
No Diving

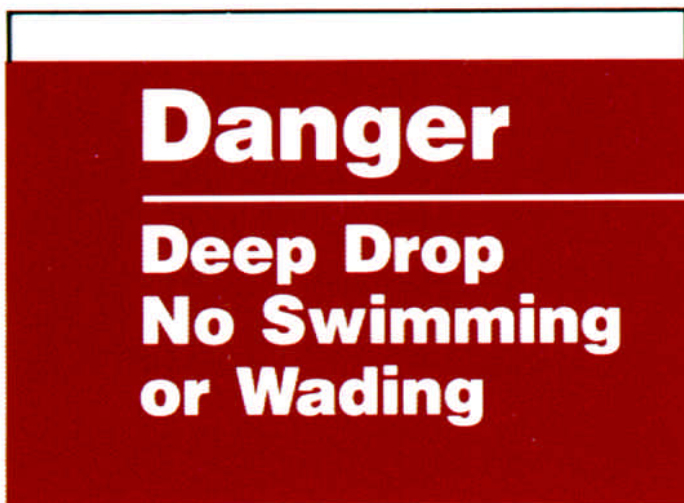
COMMENT:

Important for areas with fluctuating water levels, or in areas with high turbidity. May also increase safety in areas with clear water where water is more shallow than viewer perceives. Proper color, proportioning, capitalization, and font increases effectiveness.

RECOMMENDATION:

None.

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SIGN:

Danger Deep Drop No
Swimming or Wading

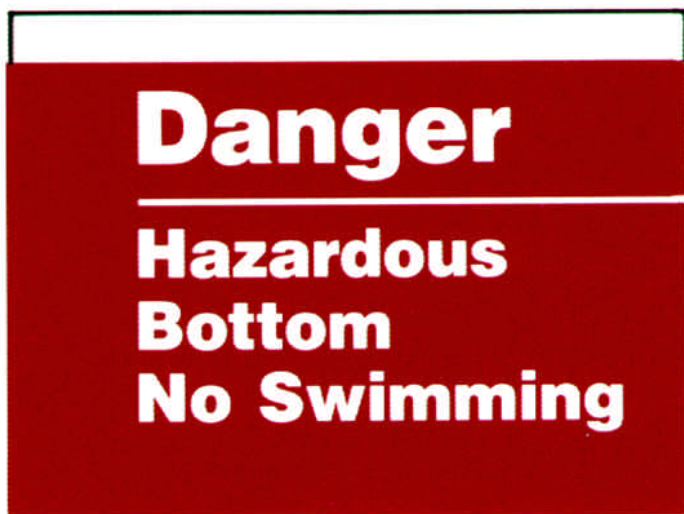
COMMENT:

Identifies non-obvious hazard. Important for areas with fluctuating water levels, or in areas with high turbidity. May also increase safety in areas with clear water where water is more shallow than viewer perceives.

RECOMMENDATION:

None.

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SIGN:

Danger Hazardous
Bottom No Swimming

COMMENT:

Identifies non-obvious hazard. Particularly important for areas with fluctuating water levels, or in areas with high turbidity. Proper color, proportioning, capitalization, and font increases effectiveness.

RECOMMENDATION:

None.

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SIGN:

Danger No Diving
Submerged Rocks

COMMENT:

Identifies non-obvious hazard. Particularly important for areas with fluctuating water levels, or in areas with high turbidity. USACE design using color, proportioning, capitalization, and font to increase effectiveness.

RECOMMENDATION:

None.

G-37



SIGN:

Danger Swim in
Designated Areas Only

COMMENT:

Identifies non-obvious hazard and indicates activity is allowed at another location. Helps guide viewer to appropriate areas for activity. USACE design using color, proportioning, capitalization, and font to increase effectiveness.

RECOMMENDATION:

None.

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SIGN:

Warning Cold Water
Conditions May Exist at
All Water Levels

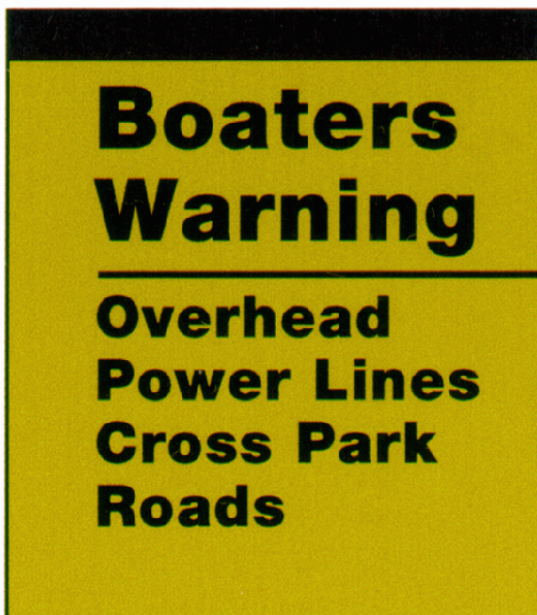
COMMENT:

Hypothermia and decreased physical ability associated with exposure to cold water may represent a potential hazard to swimmers or anglers. Identifies that conditions may occur at any time, heightening awareness for all seasons.

RECOMMENDATION:

None.

G-39



SIGN:

Boaters Warning
Overhead Power Lines
Cross Park Roads

COMMENT:

Identifies potential hazard for boaters along access roads. Increases viewer awareness before they reach the water.

RECOMMENDATION:

Add minimum clearance text to sign copy.

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SIGN:

Danger Shallow Water No Diving

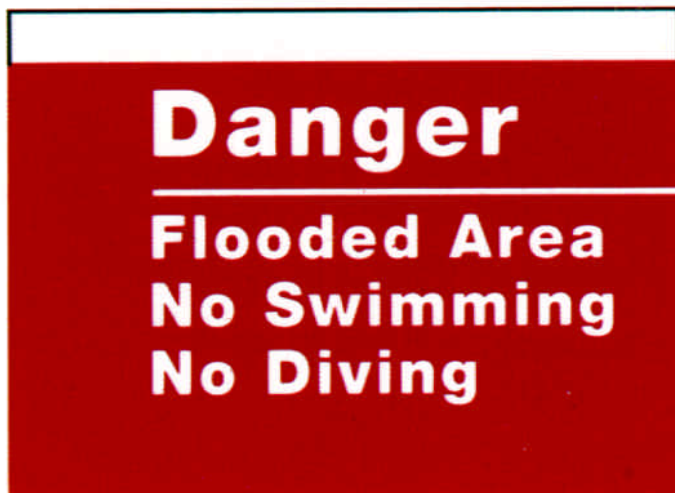
COMMENT:

Important for areas with fluctuating water levels, or in areas with high turbidity. May also increase safety in areas with clear water where water is more shallow than viewer perceives. Proper color, proportioning, capitalization, and font increases effectiveness.

RECOMMENDATION:

Assess need for sign at bridges, docks, cliffs, or other high area with access to the water.

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SIGN:

Danger Flooded Area
No Swimming No Diving

COMMENT:

Identifies temporary condition that may restrict activities normally permitted. More effective when put in place and removed as conditions change.

RECOMMENDATION:

None.

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SIGN:

Danger Flooded Area
No Entry

COMMENT:

Identifies temporary condition that may restrict activities normally permitted. Trigger word indicates level of risk associated with conditions. More effective when put in place and removed as conditions change.

RECOMMENDATION:

None.

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SIGN:

Danger Flooded Area
Road Closed

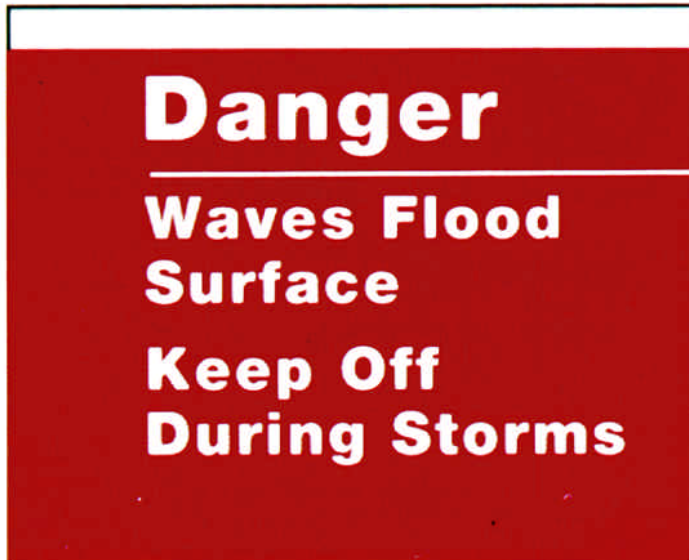
COMMENT:

Identifies temporary condition that may restrict activities normally permitted. Trigger word indicates level of risk associated with conditions. More effective when put in place and removed as conditions change.

RECOMMENDATION:

None.

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SIGN:

Danger Waves Flood
Surface Keep Off During
Storms

COMMENT:

Viewers may not
perceive risk associated
with waves in lakes and
reservoirs. Placement
at public viewing areas
or structures may
increase effectiveness.

RECOMMENDATION:

None.

G-45



SIGN:

Danger Non Potable Water
Do Not Use For Drinking
Washing or Cooking / Peligro
Agua No Es Potable No Se
Use Para Tomar, Lavarse, Ni
Cocinar.

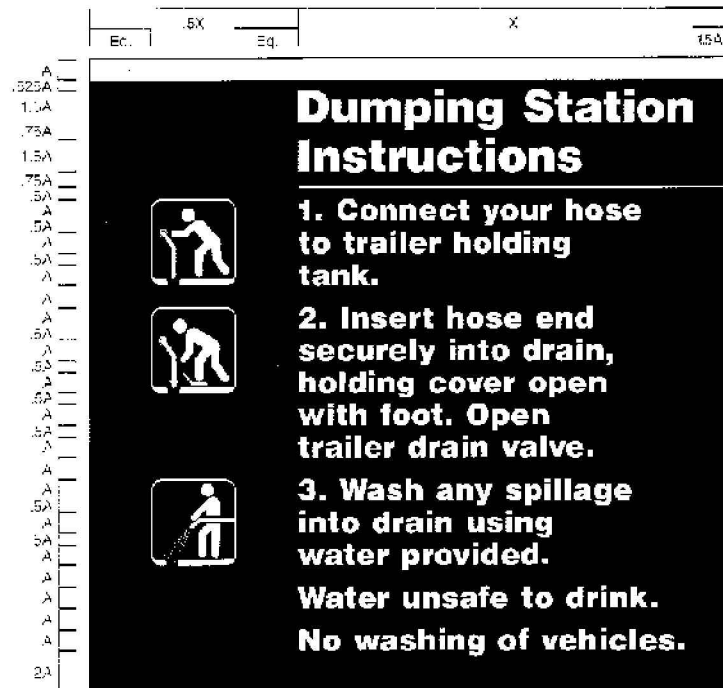
COMMENT:

Good use of parallel posting
of bilingual signage. Use of
identical format, direct
translation, and prohibitive
symbol increases viewer
recognition and increases
effectiveness.

RECOMMENDATION:

Another sign should direct
viewer to potable water
supply.

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SIGN:

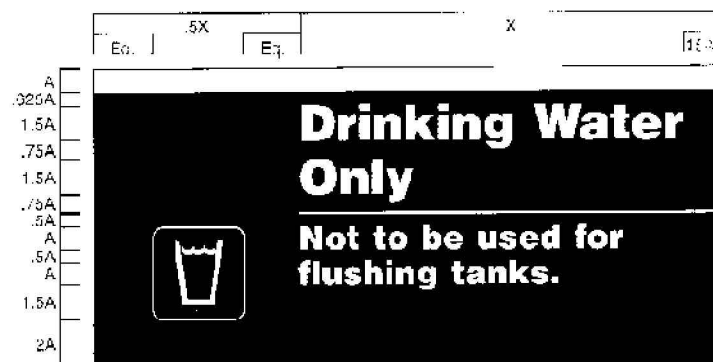
Dumping Station
Instructions 1. Connect
your hose to trailer
holding tank.....

COMMENT:

USACE sign design for
dumping stations. Gives
step by step instructions
that prevent users from
creating unsanitary or
dangerous conditions.
Use of well designed
symbols immediately
next to direction text
increases effectiveness.

RECOMMENDATION:

None.



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SIGN:

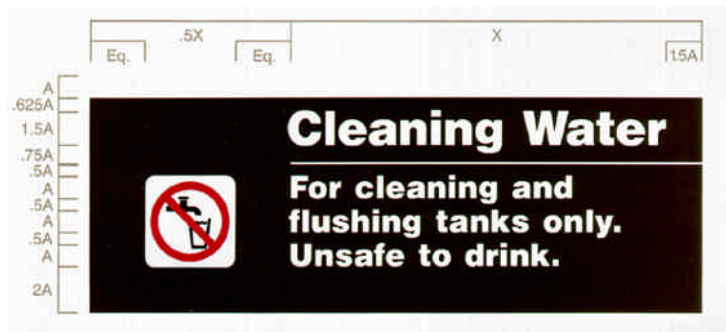
Drinking Water Only Not to
be Used For Flushing Tanks

COMMENT:

Identifies accepted and
prohibited uses for water.
May reduce the possibility of
a user causing a health risk.
Use of symbol increases
glance legibility. Notes on left
and top of sign show
proportion/scaling design
information according to
USACE guidelines (see
appendix A).

RECOMMENDATION:

Include site on maintenance
schedule if necessary to
prevent health risk.



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SIGN:

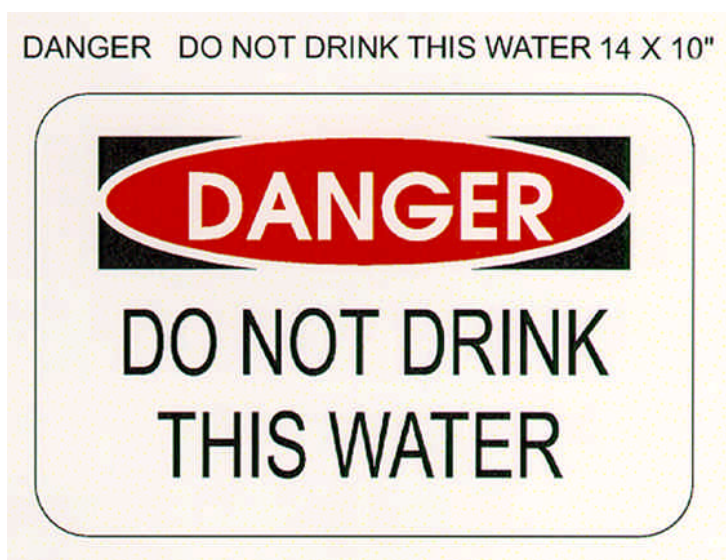
Cleaning Water For
Cleaning and Flushing
Tanks Only Unsafe to
Drink

COMMENT:

Identifies use for water
source and reduces
chance of unintentional
exposure to health risk.
Notes on left and top of
sign show
proportion/scaling design
information according to
USACE guidelines (see
appendix A).

RECOMMENDATION:

Another sign should direct
viewer to potable water
supply.



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SIGN:

Danger Do Not Drink
This Water

COMMENT:

Placement at any site
or spigot where the
water is not potable.

RECOMMENDATION:

Another sign should direct
viewer to potable water
supply.